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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on February 23, 2005. Accompanying this response is a two-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of April 23, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**No Amendments to the Specification** are presented in this paper.

**No Amendments to the Drawings** are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 23** of this paper.